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(*b*) if so, whether the Government have received any telegram or memorandum in this connexion from the Western India Plywood's Employees' Association; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) It is true that the person in question fainted on 19th August 1955 when the Secretary, Western India Plywoods was inquiring into certain charges against him but there were no suspicious circumstances connected with it.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) Enquiries go to show that on 19th August 1955, the said Kunhiraman was asked to appear before the Manager of the Factory in connexion with an enquiry into certain charges against him. He fainted while he was in the Manager's room. He was taken to the Government Hospital and treated for Myalgia and discharged on 27th August 1955.

Women's Welfare Department

* 3172 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the reversion of an employee in the Women's Welfare Department from a higher post to a lower post in 1953 was subsequently found to be illegal;

(*b*) how long this reversion continued; and

(*c*) if so, who was responsible for this reversion and what is the amount paid to the employee as compensation for the period of reversion?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes. Sir.

(*b*) From 2nd November 1953 to 1st January 1954.

(*c*) The post was found surplus to requirements consequent on the formation of Andhra State. At her request, she was posted to a lower grade in Madras City, but allowed to draw the pay prior to reversion. Hence the question of compensation does not arise.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : When that official was reverted, was that reversion challenged by any other claimant?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Notice, Sir.

Water dispute in Puranasingapalayam village

* 3173 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM (on behalf of Sri V. Gopala Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any mahazar in September 1955 from the ryots of Puranasingapalayam village in Villupuram taluk regarding a water dispute:

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Collector of South Arcot is taking action to direct the people of Seshanganur to observe the customary practice of opening vent-ways to drain the water from the tank in the village to facilitate the harvest of foreshore lands.

Extension of fee and other concessions to S.P.C.A. Inspectors.

* 3174 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the S.P.C.A. Inspectors in 1955 requesting that they may be given the educational and medical concessions now given to the elementary school teachers and non-gazetted officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

Rural Dispensary at Karivallur

* 3175 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned by the Collector of Malabar to the Rural Dispensary at Karivellur in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, in 1954–55 for the purchase of medicines out of National Extension Service Funds ; and

(*b*) whether the amount sanctioned was given to the said dispensary?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The amount sanctioned is Rs. 300 (rupees three hundred) only.

(*b*) No, Sir.

The Block Development Officer, Payyanur, remitted the amount along with similar amounts sanctioned for three other dispensaries to the President, District Board, Malabar. He has since forwarded the indents for medicines to the Madras State Indian Medical Practitioners' Co-operative Pharmacy and Stores, Limited, Madras, paying the cost in advance for compliance direct to the dispensaries.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, are the Government aware that this rural dispensary in the National Extension Area is getting a very poor amount from the District Board for purchasing medicines, and are the Government also aware of the fact that the Block Development Officer did not take speedy action so as to benefit the dispensary? Will the Government be pleased to give instructions that whenever the Block Development Officer takes a decision that decision must be carried out as expeditiously as possible so as to benefit the people?